



Characteristics of Students Enrolled at Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo

FALL 2013

Applications for Fall 2013

There were 49,832 total applications in fall 2013, which is an increase of 8.8% from last year.

Fall 2013 first-time freshman (FTF) applications totaled 40,402, an increase of 3,461 (9.4%) from last year.

There were 3,984 early-decision applications for fall 2013, of which 1,343 students were selected (33.7%) and 1,150 (85.6%) enrolled.

Fall 2013 new transfer applications increased to 8,077 from last year's total of 7,529, an increase of 7.3% from last year.

Fall 2013 new post-baccalaureate/graduate applications increased 1.0% from last year to 1,152.

The fall 2013 FTF class quality continues to climb, with new record-high SAT and ACT averages. The average high school GPA remained at last year's high of 3.87.

In addition, Cal Poly enrolled 15 National Hispanic Scholars and 16 National Merit® Finalists this year.

New Enrolled First-Time Freshmen

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|-------------------------|------|
| Average High School GPA | 3.87 |
| Average SAT Reading | 597 |
| Average SAT Math | 635 |
| Average ACT Composite | 27.3 |

Enrollment

Cal Poly enrolled 19,703 students in fall 2013. Of these students, 18,739 (95.1%) were undergraduates, 134 (0.7%) were post-baccalaureate students, and 830 (4.2%) were graduate students. The fall total enrollment of 19,703 is an increase of 5.5% (1,024 students) from fall 2012.

Fall 2013 total headcount enrollment was below Cal Poly's internal headcount target of 19,721 by 18 students. Fall 2013 undergraduate headcount was 23 students over Cal Poly's internal undergraduate headcount target of 18,716. Fall 2013 post-baccalaureate headcount was over its internal target by 12 students, and graduate enrollment was under its target by 53 students.

Cal Poly enrolled a new first-time freshman class of 4,871 students in fall 2013, which was 2.5% over Cal Poly's internal FTF target of 4,752. The fall 2013 new transfer class of 947 students was 5.5% lower than Cal Poly's internal new transfer target of 1,002.

The average load for all students in fall 2013 was 14.35, with undergraduates carrying a load of 14.48, post-baccalaureate students carrying a load of 14.46, and graduate students carrying 11.44. The total student average load of 14.35 is down from last year's load of 14.38, which was just below the fall 2009 high of 14.39.

Academic Performance

| Measure | Undergraduate | Post-Baccalaureate | Graduate |
|-------------------------|---------------|--------------------|----------|
| Average Fall Term Units | 14.48 | 14.46 | 11.44 |
| Average Cumulative GPA* | 2.97 | 3.76 | 3.60 |

*Based on the student's cumulative Cal Poly GPA, which does not include fall 2013 grades.

College Size

| College | Under-Grad | Post-Bacc | Graduate | Total | Percent of Total |
|---------------------------|---------------|------------|------------|---------------|------------------|
| Ag, Food & Env Sciences | 3,807 | — | 86 | 3,893 | 19.8% |
| Architecture & Env Design | 1,536 | — | 86 | 1,622 | 8.2% |
| Engineering | 5,288 | — | 358 | 5,646 | 28.7% |
| Liberal Arts | 2,925 | — | 101 | 3,026 | 15.4% |
| Orfalea Business | 2,488 | — | 44 | 2,532 | 12.9% |
| Science & Math | 2,621 | 128 | 155 | 2,904 | 14.7% |
| Other | 74 | 6 | — | 80 | 0.4% |
| University Total | 18,739 | 134 | 830 | 19,703 | 100.0% |



Students in new Warren J. Baker Center for Science and Mathematics
(Photo by Brittany App)

Institution of Origin (New Undergraduates)

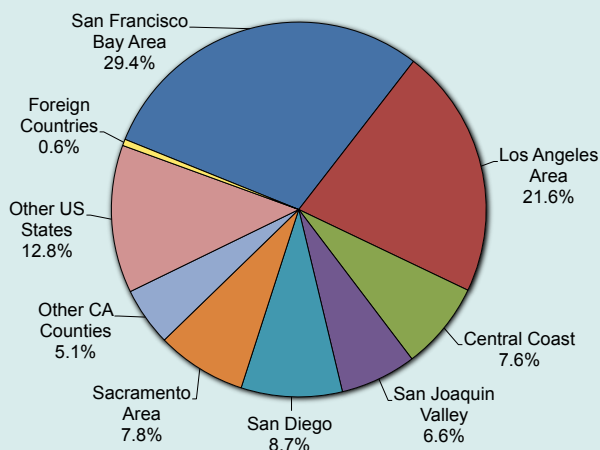
What institutions do new Cal Poly undergraduates come from? The top "feeder" schools for fall 2013 new undergraduates are:

| First-Time Freshmen—High Schools | | New Transfers—Colleges |
|--|---|---------------------------------------|
| Monte Vista High School (Danville) | California High School (San Ramon) | Cuesta College (San Luis Obispo) |
| San Luis Obispo High School | La Costa Canyon High School (Encinitas) | Allan Hancock College (Santa Maria) |
| San Ramon Valley High School (Danville) | Amador Valley High School (Pleasanton) | Santa Barbara City College |
| Arroyo Grande High School | Berkeley High School | Diablo Valley College (Pleasant Hill) |
| *Bellarmine College Preparatory (San Jose) | Foothill High School (Pleasanton) | Moorpark College |
| Granite Bay High School | Los Gatos High School | Santa Rosa Junior College |
| *Archbishop Mitty High School (San Jose) | Westview High School (San Diego) | De Anza College (Cupertino) |

*Private School

Geographic Origin of New First-Time Freshmen

Fall 2013 New FTF Enrollment by Geographic Region



| Area | Counties |
|------------------------|--|
| Central Coast | Monterey, San Benito, SLO, Santa Barbara |
| Los Angeles | Los Angeles, Orange, Ventura |
| San Francisco Bay Area | Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, Napa, SF, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, Solano, Sonoma |
| San Joaquin | Fresno, Kern, Kings, Madera, Merced, San Joaquin, Stanislaus, Tulare |
| San Diego | San Diego |
| Sacramento Area | El Dorado, Placer, Sacramento, Sutter, Yolo, Yuba |
| Other | All other CA counties |

Of fall 2013 new first-time freshmen (FTF), 29.4% came from the San Francisco Bay area and 21.6% from the Los Angeles area.

The top "feeder" counties for fall 2013 new FTF were Los Angeles (11.5%), San Diego (8.7%), and Santa Clara (8.2%).

The Central Coast area accounted for 7.6% of fall 2013 new FTF, with 3.4% coming from San Luis Obispo County.

Note: Based on county/state/country of residence at time of application

Study Abroad*

| Outbound Students by Program | Total Students | Comments |
|---|----------------|--|
| Cal Poly International Exchanges | 52 | Australia, France, Germany, Italy, Spain, Sweden, UK |
| Cal Poly-Affiliated Partner Abroad Programs | 241 | Cultural Experiences Abroad, Danish Institute for Study Abroad, GlobalLinks Learning Abroad, University Studies Abroad Consortium (29 country locations) |
| CSU International Programs | 49 | Chile, Denmark, France, Italy, Spain, UK |
| Cal Poly Group Travel Abroad | 7 | Cal Poly Engineers Without Borders traveled to Malawi (3 students) and Thailand (4 students) |
| Nonaffiliated Study Abroad | 15 | Credit-bearing study abroad programs not affiliated with Cal Poly |
| Cal Poly Global Programs | 43 | Valladolid, Spain (31); Rome, Italy (12) (fall term only) |
| National Student Exchange (NSE) | 6 | 200+ universities within U.S., Canada & Guam |
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| Cal Poly International Exchange Programs | 33 | Australia, Austria, Brazil, Canada, France, Germany, India, Japan, Spain, Sweden, Taiwan, UK |
| CSU IP (CSU Systemwide Exchange) | 22 | Australia, France, Germany, South Korea, Sweden |

International Students*

In fall 2013, Cal Poly enrolled 211 international visa students, including 117 undergraduate students, 27 graduate students, 55 nondegree exchange students, and 12 nondegree students enrolled in self-funded programs. There were 43 total countries sending students to Cal Poly in fall 2013, with the 12 sending the most students listed below.

| Country | UG | PB/Grad | Non-Degree | Total |
|----------------|----|---------|------------|-------|
| South Korea | 18 | 1 | 2 | 21 |
| China | 16 | 3 | 0 | 19 |
| Germany | 0 | 1 | 17 | 18 |
| Sweden | 3 | 0 | 12 | 15 |
| Brazil | 3 | 0 | 10 | 13 |
| Vietnam | 13 | 0 | 0 | 13 |
| Japan | 9 | 1 | 0 | 10 |
| United Kingdom | 6 | 2 | 1 | 9 |
| France | 2 | 0 | 6 | 8 |
| Canada | 6 | 0 | 1 | 7 |
| India | 5 | 2 | 0 | 7 |
| Spain | 0 | 0 | 7 | 7 |

*Source: Cal Poly International Center

Ethnic Origin

Note: Student ethnic origin is self-reported.

| Ethnic Origin | Undergraduate | | Post-Baccalaureate | | Graduate | | Total | |
|-----------------------|---------------|-------|--------------------|-------|------------|-------|---------------|-------|
| Hispanic/Latino | 2,803 | 15.0% | 16 | 11.9% | 107 | 12.9% | 2,926 | 14.9% |
| African American | 143 | 0.8% | 0 | 0.0% | 8 | 1.0% | 151 | 0.8% |
| Native American | 45 | 0.2% | 0 | 0.0% | 1 | 0.1% | 46 | 0.2% |
| Hawaiian/Pacific Isl | 39 | 0.2% | 0 | 0.0% | 1 | 0.1% | 40 | 0.2% |
| Asian American | 2,130 | 11.4% | 7 | 5.2% | 72 | 8.7% | 2,209 | 11.2% |
| Multi-Racial | 1,253 | 6.7% | 4 | 3.0% | 31 | 3.7% | 1,288 | 6.5% |
| White | 11,138 | 59.4% | 93 | 69.4% | 506 | 61.0% | 11,737 | 59.6% |
| Non-Resident Alien | 293 | 1.6% | 1 | 0.7% | 32 | 3.9% | 326 | 1.7% |
| Unknown/Other | 895 | 4.8% | 13 | 9.7% | 72 | 8.7% | 980 | 5.0% |
| Total Students | 18,739 | | 134 | | 830 | | 19,703 | |

Of the fall 2013 total student population, 14.9% identify themselves as Hispanic/Latino, and 11.2% identify themselves as Asian American.

Under-represented minorities (URM) include students who self-report their race/ethnicity as Hispanic, Native American, African American, Hawaiian/Pacific Islander, or multi-racial including at least one of those four groups. Cal Poly's URM proportion of undergraduate enrollment for fall 2013 is 18.5%, up from 17.2% last year.

Note: As of summer 2009, Cal Poly converted to the new federal standards for collecting and reporting ethnicity. Among the changes is a new option for students to identify themselves in multiple races. Because of the new "multi-racial" category, we no longer aggregate students into a "non-white" category.

Student Age

The average age of fall 2013 undergraduates was 19.1, with 97.5% under the age of 25.

| Age | UG | PB | Grad | Total |
|-------------|------|-------|-------|-------|
| Average Age | 19.1 | 23.6 | 25.0 | 19.4 |
| 25 or Older | 2.5% | 21.6% | 31.4% | 3.8% |

Note: Based on students' age at census date for fall 2013 (11-1-13)

Financial Aid

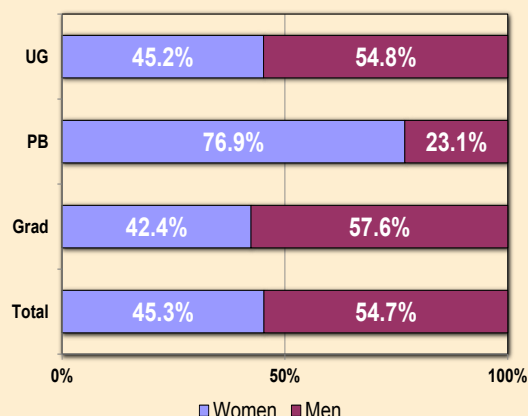
Of the 18,679 total students enrolled in fall 2012, 55.0% received some type of financial aid during 2012-13. Similarly, 54.1% of fall 2012 undergraduates and 64.2% of fall 2012 first-time freshmen received some form of financial aid in 2012-13.

The amount of financial aid awarded in 2012-13 totaled over \$136 million, decreasing just 0.2% from 2011-12. Of the \$136,125,425 total aid awarded, 67.1% came from federal funds, while 19.1% came from state funds and 7.3% came from institutional funds.

Furthermore, 58.4% came in the form of loans, 31.2% in grants, and 7.2% came in the form of scholarships.

Student Gender

Fall 2013 Enrollment by Gender



There were 8,931 women (45.3%) and 10,772 men (54.7%) enrolled at Cal Poly in fall 2013. This was a 0.4% increase in the proportion of women from last year.

There were more women at the post-baccalaureate level than men. Of fall 2013 post-baccalaureate students, 76.9% were female. However, at the graduate level, there were more men than women. Of fall 2013 graduate students, 57.6% were male.

Housing

In fall 2013, 38.5% of undergraduates lived in one of 28 dorms on campus. Almost all first-time freshmen (97.6%) lived on campus, even though Cal Poly does not require them to do so. In addition, 52.5% of Cal Poly sophomores lived on campus in fall 2013.

Degrees Awarded



College Breakdown of Degrees Awarded in 2012-13

Bachelor's Degrees

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|---------------------------|-------|
| Ag, Food & Env Sciences | 20.1% |
| Architecture & Env Design | 8.3% |
| Engineering | 25.7% |
| Liberal Arts | 18.1% |
| Orfalea Business | 14.4% |
| Science & Math | 13.3% |
| Other | 0.1% |

Master's Degrees

| | |
|---------------------------|-------|
| Ag, Food & Env Sciences | 8.4% |
| Architecture & Env Design | 7.0% |
| Engineering | 48.3% |
| Liberal Arts | 9.7% |
| Orfalea Business | 10.6% |
| Science & Math | 16.0% |

The 3,997 bachelor's degrees awarded in 2012-13 is a 0.6% increase from last year's total of 3,975 bachelor's degrees awarded. The number of master's degrees awarded in 2012-13 (545) was an increase of 0.7% from 2011-12.

The College of Engineering awarded the most bachelor's degrees among the colleges in 2012-13 with 1,027 (25.7%). The College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Sciences and the College of Liberal Arts followed with 805 (20.1%) and 723 (18.1%) bachelor's degrees awarded, respectively.

| College Year | Bachelor's Degrees | Master's Degrees | Credential Recommendations |
|--------------|--------------------|------------------|----------------------------|
| 2008-09 | 3,908 | 395 | 262 |
| 2009-10 | 4,138 | 476 | 270 |
| 2010-11 | 4,158 | 528 | 212 |
| 2011-12 | 3,975 | 541 | 246 |
| 2012-13 | 3,997 | 545 | 235 |

Almost half of the 2012-13 master's degrees awarded were in the College of Engineering.

Fields of Study

Cal Poly offers 65 bachelor's degree programs.* The five with the highest enrollment for fall 2013 are Business Administration, Mechanical Engineering, Biological Sciences, Agricultural Business, and Electrical Engineering.

At the graduate level, Cal Poly offers 31 master's degree programs.* The five with the highest fall 2013 enrollment are Education, Electrical Engineering, Computer Science, City and Regional Planning, and Engineering.

In addition to the degree programs, Cal Poly also offers a variety of minors and credential programs.

*Source: Academic Programs

Retention & Persistence to Graduation

One-Year Retention Rate for First-Time Freshmen

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|------------------|-------|
| Fall 2005 Cohort | 90.8% |
| Fall 2006 Cohort | 89.9% |
| Fall 2007 Cohort | 89.2% |
| Fall 2008 Cohort | 91.4% |
| Fall 2009 Cohort | 91.3% |
| Fall 2010 Cohort | 93.0% |
| Fall 2011 Cohort | 92.7% |
| Fall 2012 Cohort | 92.5% |

The fall 2012 cohort's one-year retention rate of 92.5% is a 0.2% decrease from last year and a 0.5% decrease from the fall 2010 all-time high.

The six-year graduation rate for the fall 2007 cohort is 71.8%, a 2.0% drop from last year and a 4.6% drop from the fall 2005 cohort's highest point on record. This rate is 3.2% higher than the six-year rate for the fall 2000 cohort and 13.3% higher than the six-year rate of 58.5% for the fall 1990 cohort.

Note: Cohorts used for retention and graduation rates are based on the federal "Student Right-to-Know Act" methodology, which is defined as any student entering post-secondary education for the first time in fall term (or the preceding summer term) who is enrolled as full-time in the fall.

Six-Year Graduation Rate for First-Time Freshmen

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|------------------|-------|
| Fall 2000 Cohort | 68.6% |
| Fall 2001 Cohort | 69.2% |
| Fall 2002 Cohort | 72.9% |
| Fall 2003 Cohort | 74.5% |
| Fall 2004 Cohort | 75.1% |
| Fall 2005 Cohort | 76.4% |
| Fall 2006 Cohort | 73.8% |
| Fall 2007 Cohort | 71.8% |

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